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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Training

SUBJECT : Weekly Report #1
Assessment and Evaluation Staff
4 - 10 January 1962

I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Mr. Luigi Petruccio of the Psychological Sciences Division, Office of Naval Research, invited C/A&E and [REDACTED] of the DDI to attend a meeting of the Psychological and Social Sciences Panel of the Department of Defense on 18 January 1962. This invitation was a followup of previous invitations of Mr. Petruccio as reported in Weekly Report #45, Item 1, 1961. There are four regular members of this panel: Dr. Lynn E. Baker, Office of the Chief, Research and Development, U. S. Army; Dr. Carroll Shartle, Psychological and Social Sciences Division, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Colonel Don Almy of the Air Force; and Dr. Richard Trumbell, Psychological Sciences Division, Office of Naval Research. In addition, Dr. Charles Bray of the Smithsonian Institute, who is the director of some Department of Defense contracts in the social sciences areas, and Dr. Charles Hutchinson of the Air Force, Office of Scientific Research, Air Research and Development Command, will attend.

At the panel meeting of 18 January, they are going to discuss research that can be done in the areas of motivation, conflict, psychological warfare, persuasion, etc. Mr. Petruccio asked if C/A&E would like to address the panel on some subject such as the possible contribution of psychologists in conducting psychological warfare. He was advised that C/A&E and [REDACTED] would be happy to attend, but that it would probably be advisable for them to be observers at this time in view of their lack of knowledge of the panel, its functioning, and its interests.

Just what [REDACTED] interest in this project might be is unknown. Formerly with [REDACTED] group, he is now in [REDACTED] Plans and Evaluation Branch in the Office of Scientific Information. [REDACTED] advised C/A&E on the phone that his current assignment branch has no interest in psychological work, and that he would explain his interest in this project before the meeting on 18 January.

Chief A&E discussed this subject with [REDACTED] Acting Chief, [REDACTED] CA Staff on 8 January. (See Section I, Weekly

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Report #45, 1961). [REDACTED] said he would not care to attend but would like to receive our report on the meeting.

2. Chief, A&E visited on 8 January Colonel Paul Eggerston, Consultant to the Surgeon General in Neurology, United States Air Force. It was in our interest to attempt to arrange with Colonel Eggerston a rotation program whereby an Air Force clinical psychologist would rotate to the Agency for a two-year tour with the A&E Staff. Colonel Eggerston, a psychiatrist, appeared to be very interested in this proposal. He stated that the Air Force has about 45 clinical psychologists assigned to hospitals; he would not be opposed to assigning one to us if he could find someone who is both suitable and willing. He stated that he has only about four "class A" clinicians who are fully trained. He has a number of Ph.D.'s whom he does not consider as competent as these four. He will "spread the word" among his people and if they wish to apply he will so advise us.

By way of incidental intelligence, Colonel Eggerston mentioned that his Staff had excellent support from General LeMay. Colonel Eggerston's office apparently gets to screen, in one way or another, most of the people connected with very sensitive technical projects, and if they are not passed by the psychiatrist, they are moved to non-sensitive spots "even if they are four star generals."

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3. A personal call was made by C/A&E on Commander Robert S. Herrmann, Chief Psychologist, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, U S Navy, on 9 January 1962. It was proposed to Commander Herrmann that consideration be given to assigning a Navy clinical psychologist to the Agency for a two-year tour. He indicated that he liked the idea very much and that he was sure it would be very attractive to certain Navy psychologists; however, he is in need of ten clinical psychologists and foresees no way of filling his requirements or ours in the near future.

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The Navy has a Ph.D. graduate training program which he described as more generous than the Army, but they have not been successful in getting a sufficient number of graduate students interested. Also their office has been called upon by other branches of the government to do assessment work from time to time. They have assisted the USIA in this requirement in the past. On 8 January Commander Herrmann was informed that Sargent Shriver of the Peace Corps had requested Defense Secretary MacNamara to provide service psychologists to assist the Peace Corp. The Secretary made the commitment and the Navy is to provide support.

Commander Herrmann is meeting with representatives of the Peace Corps on 10 January to discuss Navy support to the program. The Peace Corps apparently has a backlog of 15,000 applicants.

Commander Herrmann promised to consider our request further and hoped that sometime in the near future he would be able to propose an applicant for rotation to the Agency.

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4. [REDACTED] suggestions for an interview questionnaire (see Paragraph 5, Weekly Report #47, 1961) were discussed with [REDACTED] by C/A&E on 5 January. [REDACTED] stated that this work appeared to be progressing in the direction which he felt to be most meaningful. He requested that the questions which we have been preparing be worked into a questionnaire which could be filled out by Agency personnel prior to the individual's interview. Our present line of thinking is to send out a questionnaire to all individuals of the category from which we are to select a sample to be interviewed. For example, all GS-13's between 35 and 45 years of age would complete a questionnaire. From this group a certain number would be selected who would be interviewed later. The questionnaire has the advantage of getting the responses of the group at a specific point in time concerning their attitudes toward their work in the Agency and toward Agency policy. The interviews, which would take over a year, will be so influenced by new developments in the Agency as the year progresses that it would be difficult to analyze the data unless the questionnaire results taken at the beginning of the survey are available as a basis for interpreting the interviews.

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5. The last batch of recruitment letters were completed by the secretarial pool of the Office of Personnel and were delivered to Mr. [REDACTED] on 8 January (see Paragraph 4, Weekly Report #47, 1961).

III. PERSONNEL

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[REDACTED] is ill this week with a reported acute kidney infection.

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